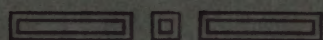


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Sunday, October 5th., 1919

10:30 a. m.—Rev. John Veal

2:30 p. m.—Sabbath School

Addresses by Rev. John Veal and
Rev. George Baker.

7:00 p. m.—Rev. George Baker

Tuesday, October 7th., 1919

Big Fowl Supper

Thursday Evening—Ice Cream Social

Friday, October 10th., 1919

3:00 p.m.—Field Day Games and Athletics

7:00 p.m.—Layman's Missionary Banquet

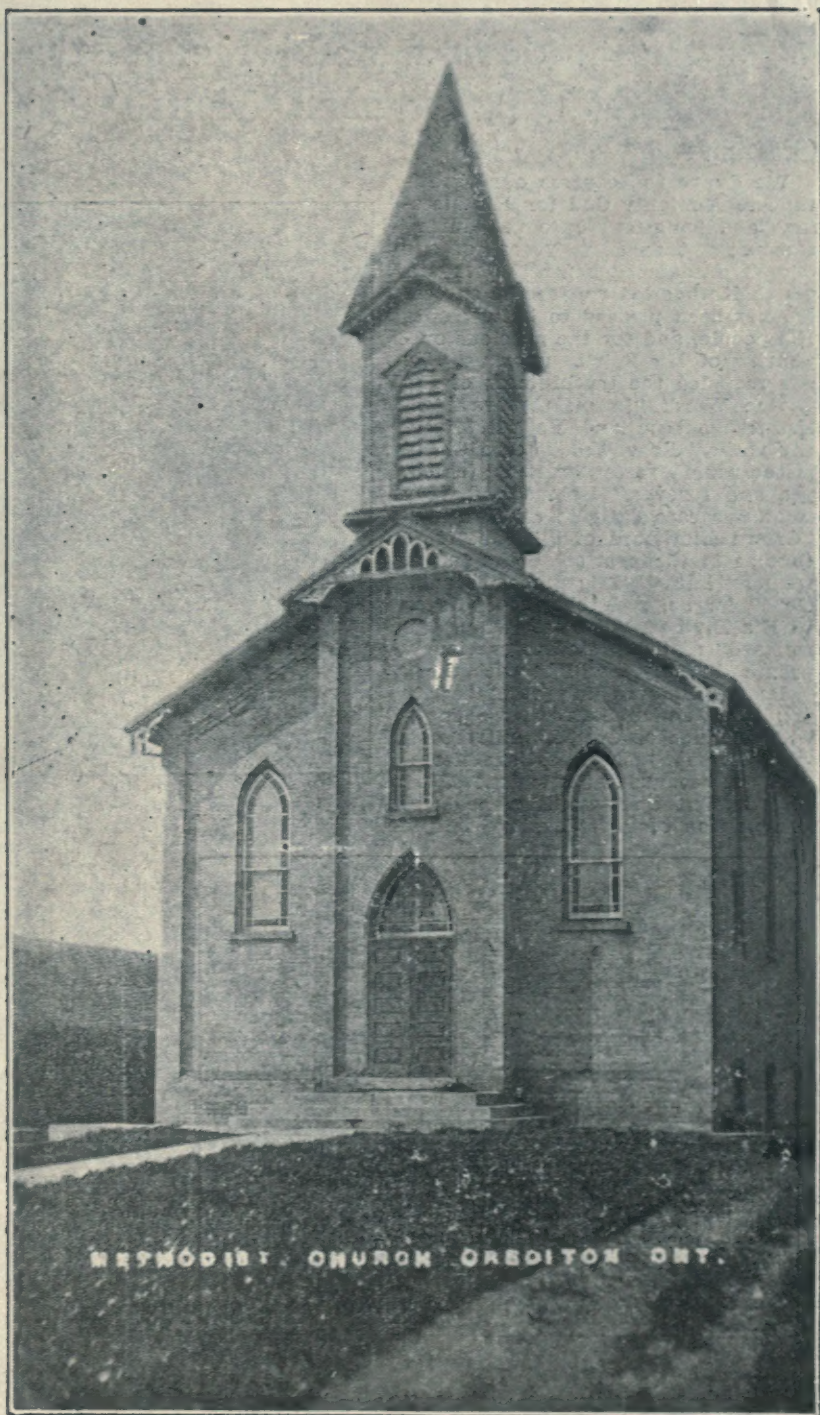
Sunday, October 12th., 1919

10:30 a. m.—Rev. James Hussar, M.A.,
B.D., Ph.D.

2.30—Sabbath School

Addresses by Rev. James Husser
and Rev. J. G. Yelland

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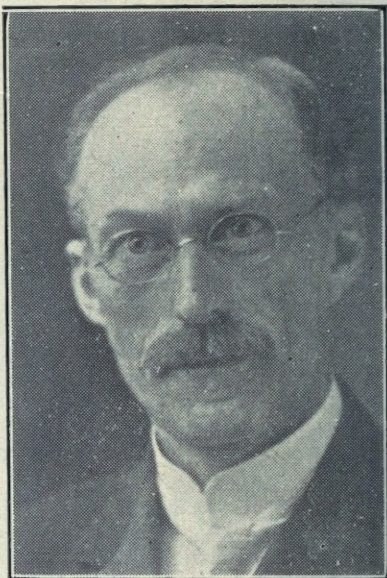
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To the Members and Adherents of the Credition Methodist Church

Greeting—

We desire to express our gratitude to Almighty God for His blessings and bounties unto us during the more than fifty years of our church organization, for the way in which He has led us, for the success He has been pleased to bestow unto His people, and for the gracious outpouring of His Spirit upon us. He has revealed the truthfulness of His Divine Word, "In all thy ways acknowledge Him and He will direct thy paths." Prov. 3:6. "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and to-day, yea and forever." Heb. 13: 8. May it be our care daily in all things to "Crown Him Lord of all." We trust that as in the past so in the future we may know "His grace is sufficient" for us, and that in obedience to His Divine Voice we may, "go forward" realizing He has graciously promised "Truly I will be with thee"

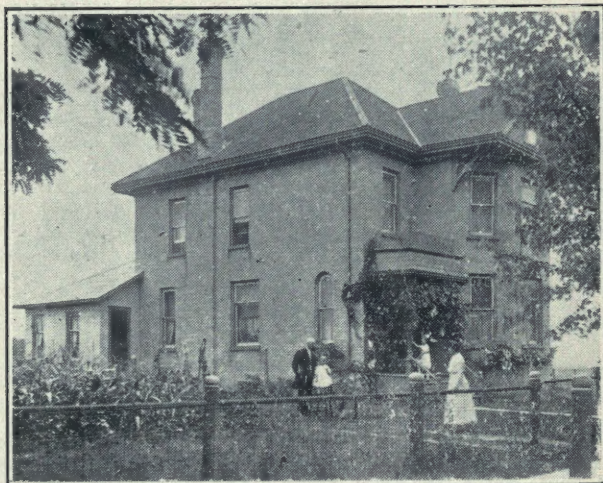
Dearly Beloved in presenting to you this Jubilee Souvenir we do so with feelings of deep humility realizing its many imperfections necessarily so because of the paucity of the records, but trusting that the brief compilation of events may be of



Rev. C. W. Baker, B.D., Pastor

more than passing moment and that the recounting of events in the lives of the truly great in the past and present may be an inspiration to those who shall come after "that a part from us they should not be made perfect." Heb. 11: 40.

It is very difficult for us to put ourselves back into the conditions of life in the Old World neigh-



Methodist Parsonage, Credition.

bourhood nearly a century ago, where the Bible Christian Church generally began. The formality, irreligion, and profligancy that so generally prevailed over a large part of Devonshire and the East of Cornwall, seems incredible.

Bull-baiting and cock-fighting were common amusements, while cricket, hunting, wrestling were frequent sports on Sabbath afternoon, ending often in the grossest drunkenness and profanity. A considerable portion of the clergy delighted in hunting, wrestling, card playing, fighting and dancing. Instances of drunkenness and the most flagrant vices were not rare among them. The majority of the people were ignorant alike of the nature and necessity of experimental religion. Bibles were both expensive and scarce and seldom read. Sabbath schools and meeting for prayer were utterly unknown. Truly, it might be said, "darkness had covered the land, and gross darkness the people." It was amid this manifest religious apathy and moral profligacy of the people, and the utter incapacity of the clergy to supply the spiritual needs of the people, that the Bible Christian Church came into existence in Shebbear, Devon, England, October 29th, 1815. William O'Bryan, the founder was a Wesleyan Methodist, local preacher on the Bodmin Circuit, Cornwall. The denomination was from the first distinctively Evangelical, Methodist, liberal in church government, ministers and laity having equal rights in all church courts. It was from the Conference at Hick's Mill, Cornwall, August 4th, 1831, that two missionaries were sent forth to open Missions in North America.

John Hicks Eynon was appointed to Upper Canada by the Conference of 1832, and sailed from Liverpool, October the 7th. But the vessel encountered such a succession of storms, that it was finally driven back, and reached Cork Harbour, Nov. 28th. The missionary landed his boxes, containing his library and possessions, and put them as he supposed in safe keeping, but the boxes were stolen, and the owner never saw them after. Mr. Eynon returned to England for the winter, and on March the 18th married Elizabeth Dart. This marriage had a most important influence on the Canadian Mission. Elizabeth Dart was the first of the fourteen female preachers sent out by the first Bible Christian Conference. She was the instrument in God's hands, of the conversion of Mr. Eynon. With this excellent woman as his wife, Mr. Eynon sailed from Padstow, Cornwall, May 1st, 1833, in the brig Dalusia, and after a long and stormy voyage reached Quebec, June 17th. Here he was urged to stay and open up a mission, but his appointment was to Upper Canada, and he passed on to his destination reaching Cobourg, July 6th. Cobourg became the cradle of the Bible Christian Church in Canada. Mr. Eynon, the founder of the denomination in this country, first preached in the open air, then in the jail, then in a dwelling-house, and there organized the first society, consisting of four persons. His work soon extended North, and West and East, until it took in a circuit of nearly two hundred miles. Mrs. Eynon took work as regularly and as successfully as her husband. The country over which they travelled, though now one of the richest, and most prosperous, and populous sections of Canada, was then a vast forest, with small and scattered clearings, and log houses and many discomforts and privations. Wolves have sometimes chased the settlers when returning from their meetings and some narrowly escaped with their lives by reaching the shelter of their shanty, and watching anxiously through the night. The preaching and services of these times though for the most part, held in log school houses, and dwellings, and barns, were attended with great power and many conversions.

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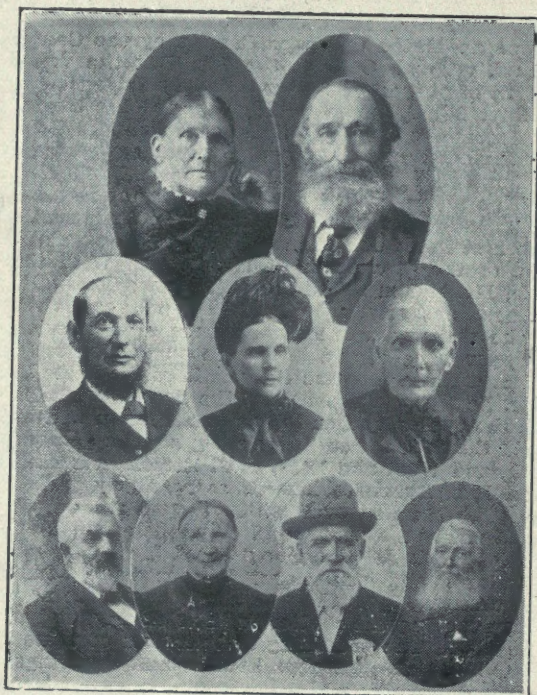
John Edwards who was sent out in 1839 opened the mission in the township back of Belleville. He obtained the bar-room of an Irish tavern-keeper by the roadside, for his first service, and presently the tavern-keeper and all his family became converted. The tavern was changed into a house of God, the family became active workers in the cause of religion and temperance, and a society of forty-six members was formed all of whom became total abstainers.

In January, 1845, the first missionary meeting was held at Cobourg, addressed by the brethren Eynon, Hurly, James, Tapp and Green.

In the year 1846, the number of missionaries was further increased by the arrival of the brethren Paul Robins, William Hooper, and Henry Abbott from England. On the arrival of additional laborers, Philip James was sent to open up new missions in what was known as the Huron Tract. The first families arrived in Usborne Township in 1842. In 1852 Exeter had a few houses in the heart of primeval woods. Rev. H. Hurly was the first resident Bible Christian Minister, and the first religious service was in the home of Mr. James Pickard.

The first Bible Christian Church still stands on Main St. and is now used as a shoe shop. It was dedicated Feb. 24th, 1856. The ministers on the occasion were Rev. J. Edwards, a very godly man who spent much time on his knees, J. Webster and J. Tucker. Exeter became the head of a large circuit comprising the following appointments Exeter, James St., Bethesda, Providence, Eden, Bethel, Centralia, Crediton and Dashwood. Revs. John Williams and J. Dix were together on the Exeter circuit in 1856. Providence west of Exeter then flourished. The usual features characterized these times, liberality, spiritual life, missionary zeal and temperance. Rev. John

Edwards and David Cantlin, were yoke fellows. David Cantlin who had been received as a candidate for the ministry at the first Canadian Conference at Columbus, June the 7th, 1855 was now married. He occupied the parsonage and his Superintendent, who never married, lived with him. This was a reversal of the ordinary but reveals the "elasticity of Methodism" to meet the need of the times. Next appears Rev. John Hooper and colleagues H. J. Colwell and H. Abbott. By 1862 Exeter was prominent in Huron. The church on Main Street was found too small. The princely generosity of the people was evidenced in the plan for a new church. Willing hands and hearts



Mr. and Mrs. George Lawson;
Mr. and Mrs. C. Zwicker; Mrs. Grace Hill;
Mr. C. Beaver; Mrs. and Mr. John Lawson;
Mr. George Lewis.

co-operated, some of whom still survive. The church was dedicated in 1862 with delightful dedicatory services. Fourteen hundred persons took tea. In 1863 the Bible Christian Conference was held in this church, beginning June 4th. In 1864 in the succession of ministers Rev. E. Roberts and his colleague L. W. Wickett who now resides at 827 King street, London, followed. At this time Exeter circuit comprised twelve appointments of which Crediton was one. The first preaching of the Bible Christians at Crediton was held in David Stahl's log house, then at Michael Steven's. Sunday school was conducted in Michael Steven's log-barn. Prayer meetings were conducted from house to house. Amongst the earliest settlers we have the following—Bröderick, Bagshaw, Banes, Clark, Foster, Gardiner, Hall, Harris Hill, Hirtzel, King, Lewis, Lampport, Murray, Parsons, Stevens, Sweet, Simmons, Stanley, Trevethick, Zwicker. Worship was afterward conducted in the log school house built on the farm now occupied by



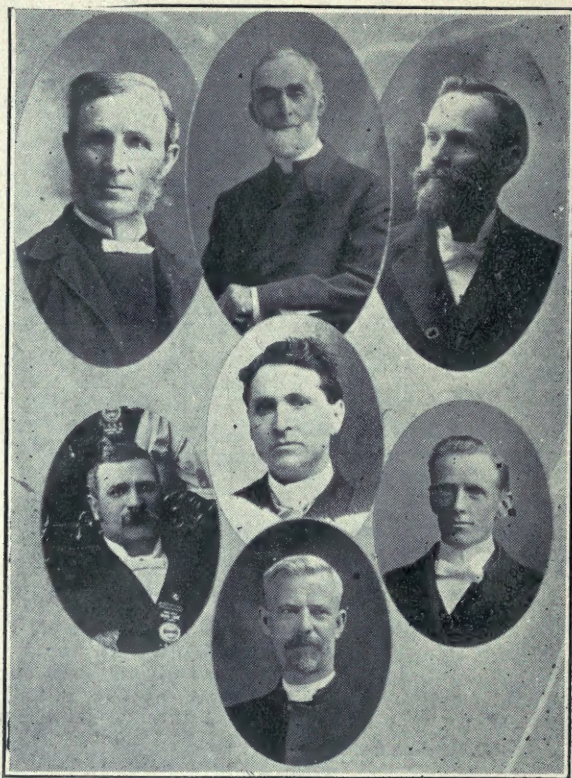
Rev. L. W. Wickett; Rev. J. Edwards.
Rev. J. W. Butcher; Rev. Wm. Hooper



Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Brokenshire;
Mrs. and Mr. Wm. Sweet; Michael Stevens;
John Parsons John Lewis

Mr. Garnet Hill. Later the church was built and dedicated for worship. Rev. E. Roberts who is still remembered by some in our community is spoken of as a very fine man and a noted evangelist. In the great revival conducted by him in 1866 in the old school house William Sweet and Christian Zwicker numbered among the converts. These were the days of candles and it is still related how Mr. Robert White who went forward as some supposed to light the candles was found bowing in prayer seeking salvation. Next came Rev. Wm. Hooper who was pastor for four years. With him were associated R. T. Curtis, William Beer, J. H. Collins, and S. H. Rice. Rev. William Hooper built the first Bible Christian Church at Crediton. Mrs. William B'ssett of James Street, Exeter, is a daughter. Mr. William Sweet, father of Robert

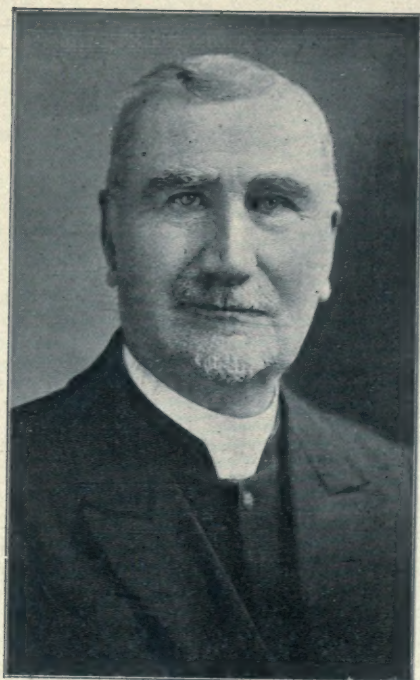
Sweet gave the land for the church site. The Ladies' Aid have since added to the lot the lawn on the south side of the church. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sweet of princely generosity in these early years, who still reside on the farm adjoining the church, have a good recollection of the building of the church and of the opening services. Mrs. Sweet boarded the men who drew material for the building, and recounts how the women of the congregation mentioning especially the name of Mrs. John Parsons, came together in Wagner's blacksmith shop across from the church to bake for the big tea. It was the custom to meet together in some central place, afterward in the basement of the church, to bake for church teas. The tea and programme were a grand success hundreds being present October 7th, 1869.



Rev. John Veal; Rev. J. G. Yelland; Rev. S. J. Allin;
Rev. Robert Hicks, B. A.,
Rev. J. W. Andrews; Rev. Selby Jefferson; Rev. Geo. Baker.

The Rev. Henry Kenner, 1869-1872, Mark Hardy and William Quance were followed by the venerable Jese Whitlock, 1872-1876, who had been a most successful and honored worker on Prince Edward Island and had rendered a great blessing to hundreds of people. With him were associated William Trethenny and William Limbert. Crediton experienced a mighty revival under William Limbert, the ex-president of the Bible Christian Conference. In 1875 John Ball, now of Arkona Circuit, was appointed assistant Pastor to Rev. Jese Whitlock with Herman Moore as young man. During the years 1875-6 John Ball and H. Moore held twenty-two weeks special services. Scores were brought to God including the Harveys of Exeter. On leaving Exeter Circuit Rev. John Ball went to Prince Edward Island for eight years.

John Veal died Jan 8, 1929, age 80, born in Devonshire, ordained in B.C. church in 1878.
J. Yelland died Jan 20, 1926 - children - Annie, Bessie, Edas & Sampson.



Rev. D. M. Kennedy

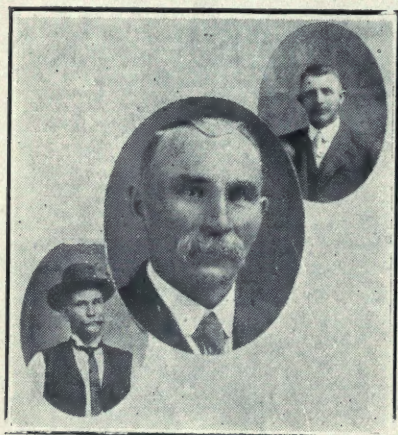


Rev. James Husser, M.A., B.D., Ph.D.



Rev. R. W. Knowles, M.A. Ph.D.

In 1876 the Rev. John W. Butcher was the Pastor, he too had been a most successful worker on Prince Edward Island. He is still gratefully remembered by the older members here. His evangelistic zeal asserted itself and Crediton was again blessed with a remarkable revival. For three weeks meetings were held without one convert, after that eighty persons were brought into the church Fellowship. Rev. J. W. Butcher was the first minister to occupy the parsonage, the house now occupied by Mr. Ezra Faist. With Rev. J. W. Butcher were associated John Holmes, S. J. Allin, now on the Ilderton Circuit, and J. P. Rice, Rev. Broad, who was pastor 1880-1883 was followed by Rev. John Veal 1883-5, now superannuated and being at Dorchester. The union of Bible Christian, Primitive, Wesleyan, and Canada Methodist Churches took place in 1884. We had within the bounds of Crediton Circuit at the time of the Union five churches. Crediton and Sharon Bible Christian Churches, belonged to Crediton Circuit of the Bible Christian, McGillivray, Canada Methodist belonged to the Central Circuit of the Methodist Church of Canada, Bethesda and Ebenezer Churches of the Primitive Methodist belonged to the McGillivray Circuit. The first Quarterly meeting of the Crediton Circuit of the Methodist church met in Crediton Church August 12th, 1884. Members present, Rev. John Veal, Pastor, John Broderick, Supt. of Sharon Sunday School, John Pedlar and William Rowe, Class Leaders, Joseph Kestle, Steward, Samuel Brokenshire. Local Preacher, William Sweet, Steward, Edward Jones, Class Leader, Henry Lamport and William Dauncey, Stewards, Alexander Clark, Representative for McGillivray Trustee Board, John Bloomfield, Class Leader, Ebenezer, Edmund Chambers, Representative of Trustee Board from Bethesda, George Clark, Steward, and George Lawson Class Leader from Bethesda. Crediton Circuit thus comprised the following appointments and membership. Crediton 54, Eden 29, Ebenezer 22, Sharon 50, Bethesda 22, total membership 117. Pastor's salary \$650.00.



Albert Hooper; Adolphus Hooper;
Thomas Chambers.

It is of interest to note the names of the Local Preachers during this period viz., A. Hooper, S. Brokenshire, George Lewis, William Lewis, Michael Stevens, Rev. E. Crompton and William Stevens. These were men of God, revered and honored by the people whose services were eminently helpful to the community and greatly appreciated by the people and Pastor alike. The greater number of these worthy men have since passed to their reward, two alone remain, William Lewis who has had many honors from the brethren, being delegate for many years to the annual District Meeting, delegate to the General Conference at Montreal and receiving the unique distinction of being chosen to represent the district on the Stationing Committee, he has been for many years a faithful class leader and is still most faithful in his attendance

at divine service. Albert Hooper was moved away from this community but is still an honored and active member of the Methodist Church.

Rev. D. M. Kennedy became pastor in 1886 and remained two years, moving to Birr Circuit. These were the days of Circuit teas and socials, one held at Crediton about this time brought in \$110.00. Large congregations greeted the faithful Pastor, the church at times being filled from the pulpit to the door, at times some were turned away even standing room was

not available. The revival services held at this time resulted in bringing some splendid young people into Church Fellowship. Rev. Mr. Kennedy transferred to one of our Western Conferences and was honored by the Presidency. He is now superannuated and resides at Portage la Prairie, Manitoba.

Rev. W. H. Fife, 1888-9 succeeded but owing to ill health was forced to relinquish the work of the pastorate. A very hearty resolution of sympathy was passed by the Quarterly Official Board. Rev. Richard Redmond was superintendant from 1889-1892. Crediton Circuit in 1890 comprised the following appointments, Crediton, Eden, Ebenezer and Sharon.

During the pastorate of Rev. George Baker 1892-1895 the church was considerably enlarged. Mr. James Clark who still resides in the village took an active part in the work being treasurer of the Trustee Board. The Divine Spirit revealed His presence and power in a gracious ingathering of souls, sixty being added unto the church. Rev. John G. Yelland proved a good shepherd of the sheep from 1895-8. He is now superannuated and lives at Exeter and still greatly merits the confidence and esteem of the Brethren.



Mr. and Mrs. John Young; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Banes;
Mr. and Mrs. James Clark; Mr. and Mrs. George Clark.

During the pastorate of Rev. James Husser, B.D., 1898-1901, a successful revival was conducted at the Eden appointment, the present splendid parsonage was built, and the envelope system of finance was adopted. Crediton Circuit now comprised three appointments viz., Crediton Ebenezer and Eden.

Rev. R. W. Knowles proved a very popular Pastor from 1901 to 1904 Crediton and Ebenezer appointments now comprised the circuit. Rev. John Henderson, 1904-5 organized the Women's Missionary Society and was followed by Rev. John W. Andrews, 1905-8 whose ministry proved successful in gathering in the precious sheaves. In the revival service which was held ten came forward one night. Our present Recording Steward and assistant Sabbath School Superintendant, Mr. George Mawhinney was brought to Christ and a life of service in this ingathering. Rev. Robert Hicks, B.D., 1908-1912 proved an efficient pastor and among the number gathered in at this time we find Mr. George Hirtzel who is now a member of the Trustee Board. President of the Adult Bible Class and assistant Superintendant of the Sabbath School.

and Rapids Jan 24, 1933. had 2 daughters.

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Rev. Selby Jefferson, 1912-1916 proved a tower of strength in the pulpit, being a fearless preacher of righteousness. During his pastorate the present splendid shed was built costing \$1405.00. Rev. C. W. Baker, B.D., became pastor in 1916 and is now serving for the fourth year. During this pastorate the Combination Service and League of Young Worshipers have been introduced, the Junior Epworth League has been organized, and during a gracious revival about 35 souls were added unto the church.

THE SABBATH SCHOOL

The fifty-nine years record of Crediton Sabbath School presents one of the brightest chapters in connection with our church organization. Peniel Sabbath School as it was then called was organized in 1860 and met in the home, and probably during the warmer months in the log barn of Mr. Michael Stevens. In 1862 Michael Stevens was superintendent and secretary with Elon Snell as assistant. Mary Ann Parsons was treasurer. Teachers—John Parsons, George Lewis, Samuel Trevethick, William Trevethick, William Banes, John Trevethick, William Halls, Elizabeth Snell, Susan Stevens, Mary Ann Parsons, Margaret Trevethick, and Jane Zwicker. Emphasis was placed upon the memorizing of Bible verses. The report for the year ending December 28th, 1862 is as follows: Class 1, Boys, 357 verses, Thomas Lamport learned most 123. Class 2, Boys, 112 verses, Robert Gardiner learned most, 59. Class 1. Girls, 654 verses, Harriet Lewis learned most 208. Class 2, Girls, 156 verses, Jane E. Snell learned most, 70 verses. In 1863 the scholars on the roll were, males 39, females 38 while in 1864 the attendance had increased to 118. A Sunday School Anniversary was held in the bush on June the 29th, 1865. The programme was as follows: (1) 45 questions on Scripture History; (2) Dialogue on Penitent and Christian; (3) Luther Snow a song; (4) In my Father's House are many mansions; (5) Dialogue on cruelty; (6) On Sunday visiting; (7) Poetry on Faith; (8) Dialogue on Reading. The programmes for this anniversary were printed in Clinton. In 1866, two doz. first readers and two doz. second readers were ordered to be purchased. There were 151 members on the roll and 1744 verses were quoted. The proceeds of the anniversary amounted to \$38.40. Books to the value of \$45.00 were purchased for the library, also two dozen hymn books from the Bible Christian book room at Bowmanville. In 1869 a record of each class was kept by the teacher. The Sabbath School Messenger was the periodical published by McDougall of Montreal. The annual report is as follows: School organized in 1860, scholars on roll 137, officers and teachers 15, members of the church officers 14; scholars 12, admitted during the year 9. Total abstainers from intoxicating drinks, officers 10, scholars 6. There was a separate Senior Bible Class, but no temperance organization, and no infant class because of lack of accomodation. There were 47 volumes in the teachers library and in scholars library 200. The pastor visited the school but once during the year giving an address. What suggestions can you give for the improvement of your own, or the Sabbath School in General? "A deeper anxiety on the part of parents for the conversion of the children, regularity of attendance by both teachers and children and a uniformity of instruction, more visits by the Pastor and fervent prayer to the Author of All Good for the extension of His Kingdom."

In 1871 the periodicals were "The British Workman" and "The Ensign" In 1882 an organist was appointed also delegates to attend a Sabbath School Conference. In this year occurred the death of Mrs. Parsons, a resolution of sympathy with the bereaved family was passed. In 1885 the

Band was present at the entertainment. While it is not advisable to relate the history of the school at too great a length It would nevertheless be of deep interest to note the wonderful progress, yet a brief note as to the superintendents is of more than passing moment. Mr. Michael Stevens proved himself a stalwart in this work, holding office for 23 consecutive years viz. from 1860 to 1883. His son William Stevens followed 1883 to 1890. A. Hooper 1890 to 1891. William Stevens 1891 to 1896. A. Hooper 1896 to 1899. William Sweet 1899 1900. George Bloomfield 1900 to 1901. Wesley Kerr 1901 to 1905. Henry Lamport 1905 to 1906. Wesley Kerr 1906 to 1908. Thomas Trevethick 1908 to 1913. Joseph Woodhall 1913 to 1914. Thomas Trevethick 1914 who at present holds the position. Crediton Sunday School still retains its high standing and is splendidly equipped and well officered. Its officers and teachers for 1919 are as follows: Superintendent, Thomas Trevethick, assistants George Hirtzel and George Mawhinney; Secretary, Ivan Hirtzel; Treasurer W. A. Sambrook; Teachers, Class No. 10, Mrs. Isaac Hill, Mrs. Charles Zwicker; Class No. 9, Dr. J. W. Orme, Joseph Woodall; Class No. 8, Mrs. G. Nicholson, Mrs. James Hodgins, and Mrs. (Rev.) C. W. Baker.; Class No. 7, Mrs. Elmer Lawson, Mrs. Richard Hill; Class No. 6, Mrs. Jonah Sims, Garnet Hill; Class No. 5, Mrs. F. W. Clark, Miss Mary Chambers, Miss Muriel Nicholson; Class No. 4, George Mawhinney, George Hirtzel; Class No. 3, Mrs. J. W. Orme, Mrs. A. Walker; Class No. 2, Mrs. Alonzo Hodgins, Miss Queenia Hodgins; Class No. 1, Mrs. W. A. Sambrook, Lorene Sambrook. Librarians Miss Queenia Hodgins, Edward Chambers, Garnet Sims, Miss Lily Lawson. Pianist, Miss Lorene Sambrook, Mrs. Alvin Baker. Superintendant of Cradle Roll, Mrs. Isaac Hill. Superintendent of Home Department, Mrs. James Hodgins. Temperance Committee, Alonzo Hodgins, Dr. J. W. Orme, Thomas Chambers, William Kestle. Missionary Committee, Mrs. Alvin Baker. Miss Aubin L. Wilkinson, Miss Sylvia Jones. Society Representatives. Wesley Jones, Mrs. George Clark, Isaac Hill, Alonzo Hodgins.

TRUSTEE BOARD



Geo. Hirtzel; Isaac Hill; Rev. C. W. Baker; Wesley Jones; Geo. Mawhinney
Francis W. Clark; William Lewis; Thomas Trevethick.

THE LADIES' AID

The first Ladies' Aid of the Crediton Methodist church was organized under the pastorate of Rev. W. H. Fife. President, Mrs. W. H. Fife; Vice President, Mrs. James Hodgins, Treasurer, Miss Zwicker; Secretary, Mrs. C. Beaver. Other members were, Mrs. William Baner, Mrs. John Young, Mrs. Wm. Stevens, Mrs. M. Morlock, Mrs. Joseph Baner, Mrs. Albert Hooper, Mrs. Adolphus Hooper, Mrs. William Lewis, Mrs. Sheardown, Mrs. Frank Adair.

The members of the Aid were assisted greatly in their work by Messrs. Albert Hooper, William Stevens, Adolphus Hooper, and John Young who was ever ready with his team of mules to drive the ladies to places of meeting and to entertainments. The society busied itself in furnishing and decorating the church, also the new parsonage when it was built. It rendered moral aid in the cause of temperance, the sanctity of the home and of the Sabbath. Its name is as an ointment poured forth. The Ladies' Aid was re-organized on November 25th, 1908 during the pastorate of the Rev. Robert Hicks. President, Mrs. C. Zwicker, Vice Pres., Mrs. J. Hodgins, Treasurer, Mrs. J. Woodall; Secretary, Mrs. G. Nicholson. The year closed with 17 members on the roll. This society has been most active and diligent along all lines of church work and has become a great factor in the social life of the church. The members being so united in the work that they really form a sisterhood of the church.

"Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love,
The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like to that above."

The officers are: President, Mrs. G. Nicholson; 1st Vice President, Mrs. J. W. Orme; 2nd Vice President, Mrs. F. W. Clark; Treasurer, Mrs. Chas. Zwicker. The present membership is 45 and during the last two years the society has raised \$875.00.



Some Members of the Ladies Aid and W. M. S.

THE WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

The Crediton Branch of the Women's Missionary Society was organized April 20th, 1905 during the pastorate of Rev. John Henderson. Mrs. Marshall of Kirkton the District Organizer being present. The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Isaac Hill; 1st Vice, Mrs. James Hodgins; 2nd Vice, Mrs. (Rev.) John Henderson; Cor. Sec., Miss Olive Turner; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Chas. Zwicker; Treasurer, Mrs. George Clark; Supt. of Systematic Giving, Mrs. Edmund Short. Mrs. George Clark was elected president April the 7th, 1910 and ably graced that position until 1917 when Mrs. Richard Hill was elected to the office. The society has done splendid work and has steadily increased in influence and membership. The present officers are: President, Mrs. Richard Hill; 1st Vice, Mrs. Geo. Clark; 2nd Vice, Mrs. Charles Zwicker; Rec. Sec., Mrs. G. Nicholson; Cor. Sec., Mrs. J. W. Orme; Treasurer, Mrs. F. W. Clark. Supt. of Christian Stewardship, Mrs. George Hirtzel; Organist, Mrs. J. W. Orme. The present membership is 44 including 10 life members.



MISSION CIRCLE "KINGS DAUGHTERS"

THE MISSION BAND

"Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it." Prov. 22: 6. On June the 19th, 1911 the Women's Missionary Society received an urgent appeal from Mrs. Wilson, the District organizer, to organize a mission band in connection with the Crediton Methodist church. Mrs. (Rev.) Robert Hicks, Mrs. James Hodgins, and Mrs. G. Nicholson were appointed superintendents and the "Band" was organized July 7th, 1911. with the following officers, President, Queenia Hodgins, Vice President, Lloyd England, Secretary Othella Motz, Treasurer, Victor Kestle, Pianist, Merle Clark. The society began with a membership of 17 and during the year 14 more members were added. The meetings were held every two weeks. Besides taking up the Mission study and raising money for mission work the members of the Band patched and finished a quilt to be sent away in the W. M. S. bale. During the year 1912 three new members were added and the sum of \$20.85 was sent to the branch Treasurer. On July 23rd, 1913 the older girls organized into a Mission Circle taking the title "The King's Daughters." Mrs. (Rev.) Jefferson, became the first honorary president and through her untiring efforts the girls were led to take a greater interest in missionary work. The Circle had a charter membership of 14 while at present there are 18 annual and 8 life members. Nearly every year the King's Daughters have assisted the W. M. S. with their bale of clothing, etc., which was sent to the Deaconess Home, Toronto and Muncey Institute. The officers are, Honorary President, Mrs. Thomas Trevechick; President, Miss Queenia Hodgins; Vice President, Miss Merle Clark; Rec. Sec., Miss Margaret Anderson; Cor. Sec., Miss Muriel Nicholson; Treasurer, Miss Lorene Sambrook; Supt. of Christian Stewardship, Mrs. Isaac Hill; Supt. of Mite Boxes, Miss Beatrice England. For two years the Circle has supported a cot in Chentu Hospital, China, called "Crediton Cot" Last year \$120.00 was remitted to the branch treasurer.



MISSION BAND.



Mr. Elmer Gower
Ex-League President

THE EPWORTH LEAGUE

The Epworth League has been the means of supplying a long felt want in the lives of our young people. Their coming together has contributed much not only socially but also intellectually and spiritually. The



Miss Queenie Hodgins; Mrs. J. R. Mollard;
Mrs. Charles Zwicker; Mrs. Geo. Hepburn;
Mr. Garnet Hill; Mrs. Isaac Hill.

study of missions has had a very broadening effect upon their lives, while the consideration of the subjects under "citizenship" has been the means of educating our young people as to the duties and privileges which properly observed shall aid greatly in the upbuilding of our national life and character. This organization has been a great training ground for service for our young people. The League was first organized during the Pastorate of the Rev. Geo. Baker. The Presidents in order are: Mrs. (Rev.) George Baker, Mrs. (Rev.) J. G. Yelland; Mrs. J. R. Mollard; Mrs. Isaac Hill; Mrs. Charles Zwicker; Mr. Elmer Gower; Mr. Garnet Hill; Mrs. George Hepburn and Miss Queenie Hodgins. The present officers are: Honorary President, Rev. C. W. Baker; President, Miss Queenie Hodgins; 1st Vice, Mrs. Isaac Hill; 2nd Vice, Miss Margaret Anderson; 3rd Vice, Mrs. Alvin Baker; 4th Vice, Mr. Alonzo Hodgins; Recording Secretary

Miss Rotha King; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Laura Eilber; Treasurer, Miss Muriel Nicholson; Pianist, Miss Lorene Sambrook; Assistant Pianist Miss Merle Clark. There are 27 active members on the Roll. The League is organized in all departments and has done good work along all lines.

JUNIOR LEAGUE

The Junior Epworth League was organized during the first year of the present pastorate and from the first has been a very active band of helpers, interesting themselves not only in the weekly gatherings but also in the sick and shut in members of our congregation. They have taken a very active part in entertainments, acted as choir in the congregation, have given donations for the Hospital for Sick Children and making themselves generally useful. The officers are: Superintendent, Mrs. (Rev.) C. W. Baker; assistant superintendent, Mrs. Alonzo Hodgins; President, Garnet Sims; Vice President, Elgin Woodall; Secretary, Leita King; Treasurer, Trellis Hodgins.

ORGANISTS.



Miss Almeda Lloyd; Mrs. F. Sims;
Miss Hannah Lewis; Mrs. G. Baker; Mrs. H. Dyer;
Miss Merle Clark; Mrs. George Hepburn.



JUNIOR EPWORTH LEAGUE.

OUR CHOIR

Ep. 5: 19. "Speaking one to another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with your heart to the Lord." "Music is a moral law. It gives a soul to the imagination, a charm to sadness, gayety and life to everything. It is the essence of order, and leads to all that is good, just and beautiful, of which it is the invisible, but, nevertheless dazzling, passionate and eternal form."—Plato. In honor of our Jubilee a magnificent transposing piano has been installed, and it is meet that we should have it to help our worship in our churches, for it is not so much an instrument as an epitome of all instruments, combining within its ample repertoire the sweetness of a flute, the richness of the harp, the stirring peal of the trumpet, the tenderness of a mother's lullaby. It can leath its melody into our ears like a whisper, or thunder it at us like a storm at sea; it can mourn and laugh; it can cajole, suggest and overwhelm us in turn; now singing like the wind among aspens, now thundering like breakers on a rocky coast. There is no mood or passion, no aspiration or vision of good which it cannot convey to us through its multitudinous strains, and all at the bidding of the musician's finger. But above and beyond this music awakens in the soul a sense of a higher and ampler and more perfect order of being, a vision of spiritual possibilities, a longing after holiness and love and all things fair and good, such as is stirred within us by nothing else in the world. Our choir has rendered an inestimable service to our congregation. Our organists in order have been Miss Annie Harvey, Miss Almeda Lloyd, Miss Annie Hill, Mrs. Frank Sims, George Zwicker, Miss Hannah Lewis, Mrs. Harry Dyer, Mrs. Garnet Baker, Mrs. George Hepburn, Miss Merle Clark. Our present choir leader, Mrs. (Dr.) Orme deserves every praise for her ever faithful and efficient services.



THE CHOIR

FOLLOWING THE GLEAM

Prov. 31: 28. "Her children rise up and call her blessed." Ps. 144:12. "When our sons shall be as plants grown up in their youth, and our daughters as corner stones hewn after the fashion of a palace."

REV. JOHN EWDARD JONES, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Jones and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Jones of saintly memory, was born February 2nd, 1893 on Lot 9, South Boundary of Stephen Township. He attended Public School at No. 5, McGillivray, then High School at Exeter, taking his junior matriculation. After attending Albert College, Belleville for one year he was received on probation and travelled Wilkesport, Jenettes' Creek and Florence Circuits. He then entered Victoria College and completed his course for the ministry, was ordained at St. Marys 1915, and shortly after was united in marriage to Miss Annie Rattery of Sombra. He was stationed first at Bayfield then at Varna.

REV. PERCIVAL STEVENS BANES, B.A., son of Joseph and Mercy Banes, was born October 28th, 1884 on Lot 9, Concession 7, Stephen, half a mile south of Crediton. He attended Crediton Public School and passed his entrance exam at twelve years of age winning the silver medal. At fourteen he attended Lucan High School where he obtained his First Class Certificate. After a term at Model School, Clinton, where he passed with honors, he taught Public School first at West's Corners, McGillivray, then at No. 3, Stephen. In 1906-7 he attended Faculty at Hamilton and then taught Continuation School at Havelock, Peterborough Co. for two years. He had always taken great interest in the religious services of the Epworth League Sunday School, the church and was a faithful attendant at the class meetings being converted during the ministry of Rev. J. G. Yelland. He finally decided to enter the work of the Christian Ministry, and after serving two years as a Probationer upon Jeanette's Creek and Fullarton Circuits, he attended Victoria College, Toronto, where he graduated in Arts 1915 and in Theology in 1916. He was ordained at Kingsville that year and stationed at Benmiller. In October 1916 he was united in marriage to Miss Annie Bagshaw, a teacher of the Hamilton School staff.

GLEETIS O. HILL, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Hill, was born on Lot 7, Concession 7, one mile south of Crediton, Huron County, Ontario. She attended the little public school one quarter of a mile south of her home. After completing her entrance work there, she took up Continuation Work for a year and then spent several years at her home on the farm. While quite a young girl, she became interested in the stories on Deaconess Work written in the Christian Guardian and anxiously awaited its arrival week by week. A few years later, she decided to take up the training deeming it a noble work for a young girl to enter upon. During her two years in training at the Methodist Training School at Toronto, she had many interesting experiences visiting in all quarters of the city among the rich and poor. She was then stationed at Broadway Tabernacle, Toronto,

where she labored for five years. As the war continued she with several other deaconess girls, decided to take the nurses' training. In October 1918, she entered upon this work at Brantford Hospital, passing through the great flu epidemic but fortunately did not contract the disease herself. She remained there until May, 1919, and on July 23rd, of the same year, was united in marriage with Rev. Earl H. Walker of Toronto by her pastor, Rev. C. W.



OUR SOLDIER BOYS

When in August, 1914, war burst suddenly upon a peaceful world like distant thunder in a cloudless summer sky, Canada, like the rest of the British Empire immediately sprang to arms. The love of country and Empire which had been no obvious thing burst forth in patriotic fervor as deep as it was spontaneous and genuine. From the gold fields of Yukon, from the slopes of the Rockies on the West to the surf-beaten shores of the Atlantic on the East; from workshop and mine; from farm, office and forest, Canada's sons trooped to the colors. Crediton Methodist Church has a record in this greatest of all wars of which she may be justly proud. She has been stirred by the deepest emotion of a race—the love of country. She has contributed nobly to the Red Cross and Patriotic funds. Her Honor Roll contains the following names:



Arva Brokenshire, Harvey Hill, Rufus Kestle
S. W. Sims, Percy R. Lawson, D. G. Appleton
Lloyd England, Geo. Carter, Alonzo Hedden
Francis La Fond, T. W. Appleton.

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Some of our brave boys were engaged in the hardest fought battles of the war viz., Vimy Ridge, Hill 70, Ypres, Passchendale, Somme, etc. Several of our boys were wounded, some seriously, one Sergt. Percy Lawson made the supreme sacrifice at Vimy Ridge, April 9th, 1917, for him a memorial service was held, when the church could not accomodate the throng of people who came to pay a sincere token of admiration and respect for our fallen hero. "Greater love hath no man than this that a man lay down his life for his friends." John 15: 13. Let our children and our children's children who share the rich heritage of Canadian freedom, laws and institutions remember that these were baptized in blood and rendered forever sacred by the men who fought and bled on Flanders Field where poppies grow, and who have forever covered themselves and our country with untarnished glory and immortal fame.

ONWARD

"Oh Canada, the blood of all thy sons
Cries out, to-day, from fair and glorious deeds!
And spirit legions of Immortal Ones
Who died to serve their country and its needs
Pledge thee, anew, by their white Honor Roll
To loftier issues, born of sacrifice;
Bidding thee keep, unstained, that noble soul,
Which they have ransomed with so great a
price."

CONCLUSION

The story of the years is briefly told,
How wonderfully does God unfold,
His beauteous will, His great design,
Within the plan, and toil of man!

Our fathers came with sturdy stroke,
To fell the elm and mighty oak.
The land they cleared, their homes they built,
With purpose pure and free from guilt.

'Mid loneliness and conflict fierce,
They strove their children to release
From anxious cares, and heavy work,
And those fierce lairs where dangers lurk.

And thus to-day in homes which raise,
Their lofty eaves, above the haze,
The toils and struggles of the past,
Their children safely dwell and rest.

Shall we forget their work to greet,
By treading with unworthy feet
The hallowed places of the dead,
Or follow meekly where they led?

The school they built with zealous care,
A culture free and great is there
For all their sons and daughters true
Who noble thoughts and work pursue.

The church in which they offered prayer,
And strove so hard God's grace to share,
Where songs in cadence clear and sweet,
Come forth from God's own mercy seat.

Let us rise up and carry on
The noble work so well begun,
And buckle on the armour bright,
And thus stand forth as knights of light.

Our noble boys who fought in France
Drew sword, and rifle, glittering lance,
They bravely marched to conquer wrong
Their hearts were pure their purpose strong.

Let us to-day remember then
That we should ever stand as men
The wrong to shun, to dare the right,
And fight in our Great Captain's sight.

Reward both great, and lasting true,
Which came to Fathers, thus to you
When all around God's throne we stand
United thus a noble band.

Forever shall we stand and sing
Eternal praises to our King,
Who always safe His people led,
And manna sweet His people fed.

The wilderness is far behind,
In Canaan's land we take our stand,
The walls of Jericho fall down,
Where Joshua leads his godly band.

And now my task once more is done,
And like our life is swiftly run,
May we in lasting glory greet
Our Savior, Friend, and Brother meet.

Yours in Christian Fellowship,

C. W. BAKER.

